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chem unendlich viel Zeit verschwendet wird, ohne dass die Kräfte des Geistes dadurch so stark und lebhaft beschäftigt würden, wie es für ihre Ausbildung nötig ist. Gewöhnlich exponieren die Zöglinge halb schlafend die alten Autoren und sind unfähig, wenn sie z. B. Xenophons Cyropädie durchgearbeitet haben, eine nur irgend befriedigende Rechenschaft von dem Geiste des Werkes zu geben."

Aus unseren Wechselblättern.

The Culture Craze. As a people we are terribly busy getting culture—at least the women are. There was a time when the Browning class was a joke; but we have long passed that simple stage. Purely literary culture is a commonplace in the face of economics, sociology, physical culture, domestic science, art, music, and the rest. It is a poor crossroads that can't boast at least a university extension lecture, and the woman who isn't preparing a paper in the social science class, or on child-life, or on the drama of the future, is a rare barbarian luxury that is kept carefully concealed by her husband and male friends.

The net product of all this culture process ought to begin to be evident. Apparently it shows itself on the newsstands in the multitude of magazines about all sorts of things; but perhaps that is cause rather than effect. These are the culture germs to breed culture that the busy publishers put forth. All this devotion to culture hasn't made any appreciable influence upon our manners or our voices; the one remains fresh and the other loud, we must admit. Nor can any great boom in national taste be perceived by the most delicate culture-recording machine: we still like cheap and silly plays and read probably the thinnest lot of rubbish that the printing press ever put out. And as a people we still prefer vulgar hotels to a decent domestic privacy. Evidently culture is meant to give us something to talk about rather than something to be. We have lots to talk about.

But our foreign guests say pretty things about our women as they leave our shores. They vary the words, but their bread-and-butter notes read much alike: "Yours is a wonderful country" (and so according to space). "Your men are great workers, good providers. But they haven't much to say for themselves. They let the women do the talking. And your women are wonderful. They are stars! There's nothing just like them elsewhere on the earth. They can speak French and know what is doing in London. They play golf and drive automobiles. They have views on art and Egyptian exploration. They are wonderful!" Culture does it.

No human being is more misunderstood than the every-day boy. All sorts of evil motives are attributed to him, and in his ears are constantly sounded doleful predictions concerning his future state. How many boys have lived to confound the prophets we all know. If parents, and teachers and ministers had the divine power to read the youthful heart, how much better this old world would be! (Western School Journal.)

Die Frage von Ermüdung und Ruhe wird gegenwärtig immer und immer wieder in öffentlichen sowohl als privaten Kreisen besprochen. In der letzten Versammlung der „British Association“ äusserten sich die Doktoren Theodore Acland